# COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

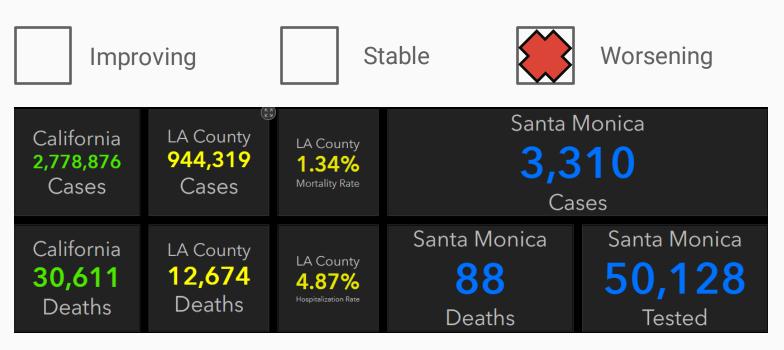
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# COVID-19: Situation Overview



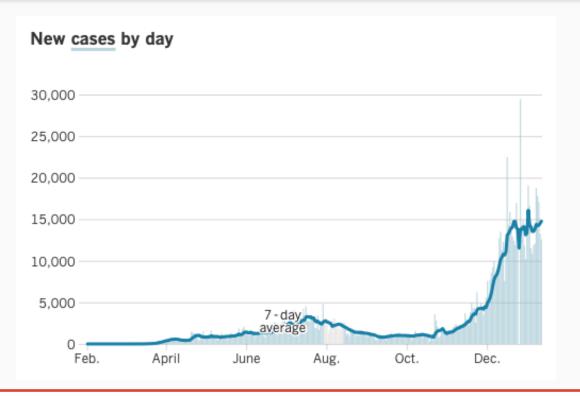
# **Current Situation Overview**



\*Numbers reflect those reported as of January 12th

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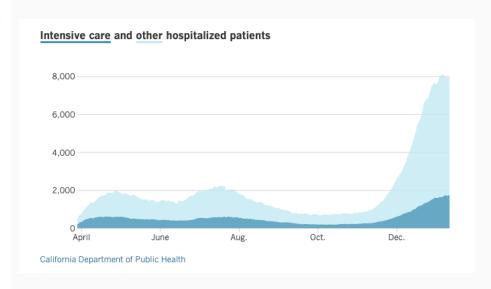
# **LA County Data**



Source: <a href="www.latimes.com/projects/California-coronavirus-cases-tracing-outbreak">www.latimes.com/projects/California-coronavirus-cases-tracing-outbreak</a>
Today, DPH reported 11,994 new cases reported and a 7-day average testing positivity rate of 19.6%.

# **LA County Data**

### **Hospitalizations and Hospital Capacity** Daily number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients, past 3-(Target; the 3-day average number of hospitalized patients has not increased over the past 14 days.) Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients **Target Status** 8001 **+**+18% Daily number of available adult ICU beds, past 3-day Daily number of available ventilators, past 3-day average (Target: past 3-day average number of available adult ICU beds has not decreased (Target: past 3-day average number of available ventilators has not decreased from from 14 days ago AND accounts for at least 10% of total adult ICU bed capacity) 14 days ago AND accounts for at least 20% of total ventilator capacity) Available Adult ICU Change Percent of Total Available Ventilators Change Percent of Total Target Target Status Beds Adult ICU Bed Status **Ventilator Capacity** Capacity 1488 **♦-16%** 11% As of October 20th, available ventilators are those routine use As of November 19, available adult ICU beds are presented. ventilators excluding anesthesia machines, portable/transport defined as the current number of physical, staffed adult intensive ventilators. BiPAP machines and ventilators used exclusively for care beds, excluding surge, PICU, and NICU beds. NICU patients.

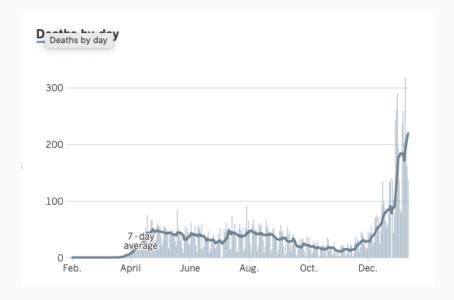


Today, DPH reported 7,926 people hospitalized. This week there is a plateauing of hospitalizations. However, DPH anticipates another surge in the coming week as a result of travel over the holidays.

www.latimes.com/projects/California-coronavirus-cases-tracing-outbreak http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/coronavirus/data/index.htm

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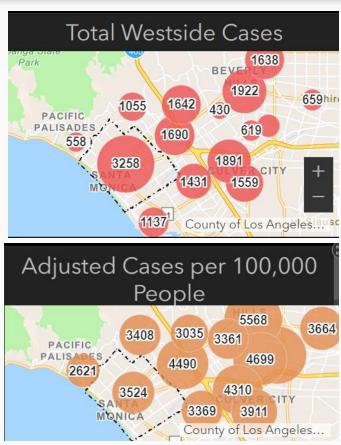




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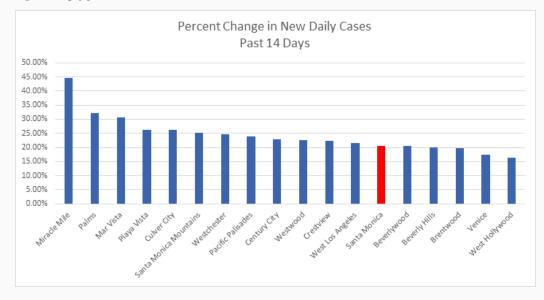
\*Today, DPH reported 288 deaths, the third highest number since the beginning of the pandemic

# **Santa Monica Data**



Santa Monica Cases 3310 (+321 over the last 7 days 1/5-1/12)

The current 14-day percent growth in Westside communities is 24.3%



# **Local Hospital Data**

Hospital	% Adult Inpatient Beds Occupied	% ICU beds Occupied
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center	92%	136%
Ronald Regan UCLA Medical Center	91%	94%
Providence St. John's Medical Center	89%	95%
Santa Monica – UCLA Medical Center	89%	96%

For the week of Jan 1-Jan 7. This information is averaged over 7 days. www.healthdata.gov

# **Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) Data**



- 50 new cases, 20 case decrease from the week prior.
- 2 new deaths in a SNF after several weeks without reporting one.
- This information has a 2-week delay

# City Essential Worker Data



Department	11/24/20	12/10/20	12/21/20	1/7/21
BBB	14	17	23	37
CAO	1	1	1	1
СМО	1	1	1	2
CSD	6	7	7	13
CDD	0	0	1	3
EOC Positions	1	1	1	1
Finance	1	1	1	1
Fire	5	5	5	11
HR	1	1	1	1
Library	1	1	1	2
Police	8	11	13	31
City Clerk	0	0	1	1
Public Works	11	12	16	30
	Total cases per L	Dept. from March until	date specified	

- All staff COVID-19 cases reported to City's COVID-19 Infection Control.
- Prompt contact tracing and subsequent isolation and quarantine measures implemented.
- Over 790 employees have contacted City Infection Control team for COVID-19 screening.
- Compliance and coordination with DPH under protocols for day camps and educational settings.
- Facilitate employees testing per DPH recommendations and Cal OSHA requirements. Last large employee group test positivity rate = 4%.

# **Santa Monica Community**





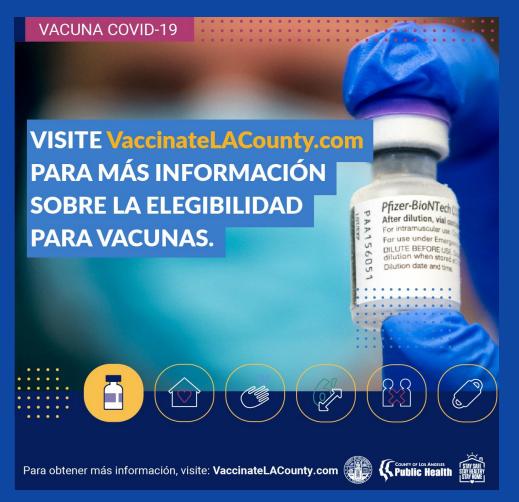








# Hope on the Horizon: Vaccination



# Situation Overview – Vaccination

### Federal Vaccine Role & Update:

- Vaccine rollout is anticipated to speed up with new plan on releasing national stockpile doses.
- Three new single-dose vaccines that do not require special cold storage are in varying clinical trial process and nearing FDA Emergency Use Authorization (Johnson and Johnson, AstraZeneca, NoraVax)
- Single-dose vaccine to increase speed of public vaccination and decrease challenges with two-dose vaccine series

### State Vaccine Role & Update:

- · Committed to using every dose.
- Offer health care providers & long-term care setting residents & staff vaccinations first, and are now allowing facilities to move to other priority groups when necessary to ensure that doses do not expire or go unused.
- Large scale vaccination sites opening this week include: Dodger stadium, Padres Stadium, CalEXPO (still focused on tiers, but setting up the infrastructure for future mass vaccinations).

### LA County Role & Update:

 Anyone in Phase 1A can go to one of the 75 vaccination sites, but will need to make an appointment and will need credentials proving they're a frontline health care worker

### Santa Monica Role & Update:

 Continued collaboration with DPH and City planning teams regarding potential COVID-19 vaccination site in Santa Monica to serve priority groups and the public

### **Best Resources:**

- <u>Publichealth.LACounty.Gov/Coronavir</u> us/Vaccine/
- · Future Site: VaccinateLACountv.com

# **VaccinateLACounty.com** – Phase 1A

Phase 1A – Healthcare Workers w/ Exposure / Skilled Nursing Facilities		
1A - Tier 1	Status	
Healthcare workers and residents of skilled nursing facilities	Current	
Healthcare workers in acute care facilities, residential and inpatient facilities and treatment centers, dialysis centers, infusion / oncology centers	Current	
EMTs and Paramedics	Current	
1A - Tier 2	Status	
Healthcare workers in DCFS, DMH, home healthcare organizations, immediate care facilities, outpatient facilities, public health field staff with direct contact, primary care clinics, urgent care clinics, those providing direct clinical care and direct outreach to the homeless, field-based community health centers		
1A - Tier 3	Status	
<b>Healthcare workers</b> in COVID-19 testing facilities, mortuaries, dental and oral health, laboratories, occupational health, optometry, pharmacy, school-based health, specialty clinics, surgery centers	Current	

# <u>VaccinateLACounty.com</u> – Phase 1B – February to March

Phase 1B – Tier 1			
Group Description	CA Tier Size, millions (not all at occupational risk)		
Education & Childcare	1.4		
Emergency Services	1.1		
Food & Agriculture	3.4		
75 and older	2.6		

Phase 1B – Tier 2			
Group Description	CA Tier Size, millions (not all at occupational risk)		
65-74 Years of Age	2.5		
Facilities & Services	2.1		
Transportation & Logistics	3.4		
Critical Manufacturing	.5		
Incarcerated	0.2		
Homeless in Congregate Setting	0.1		

<sup>\*</sup>All work categories for vaccination in Phase 1B are for workers at risk of work exposure.

# VaccinateLACounty.com - Phase 1C & Phase 2

# Phase 1C – March to Early May 50-64 years 16-49 years and have an underlying health condition or disability which increases their risk of severe COVID-19 Water and wastewater Defense Energy Chemical and hazardous materials Communications and IT Financial services Government operations / community-based essential functions

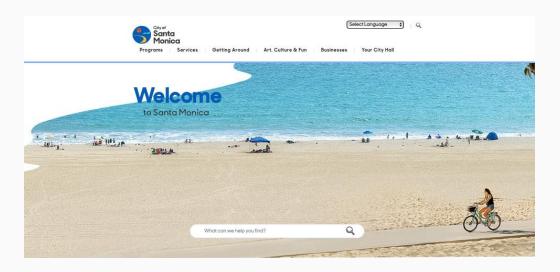
### Phase 2 – Mid-May to Early June

Persons 16-49 years old without high-risk medical conditions

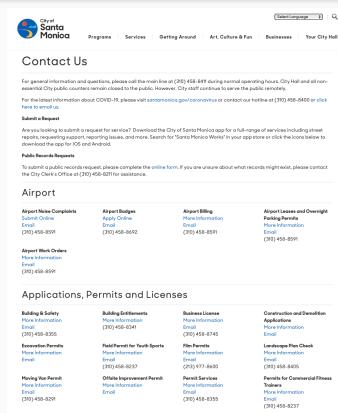
# COVID-19: City Operation Updates



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### In a Year Rife With Challenges, Our Santa Monica Community Rallied to Support One Another

December 28, 2020 3:27 PM by Constance Farrell



In 2020, the City of Santa Monica focused on saving lives and supporting our entire community through the COVID-19 public health emergency. 97.5% of Santa Monicans have <u>not</u> contracted the virus due to our community scommitment to following state and county health and safety protocols in all facets of our daily lives. Through early, difficult budgetary action, the City closed of \$224 million anticipated deficit caused by the severe economic impacts of the pandemic, and focused on our community's essential needs on protecting those most vulnerable by quickly implementing a residential and commercial eviction morardrain, distributing over 4,000 boxes of free food, and supporting over 600 vulnerable households with rent relief. New economic recovery measures like no-cost expanded outdoor commercial zones and fee deferment programs jumpstarted our business community despite the devastating consequences of COVID-19.

We look forward to working together in 2021 as we begin to stabilize after the winter COVID-19 surge, advance racial equity projects underway, and make progress on the regional challenges of homelessness and affordability exacerbated by the pandemic. While we have much work ahead, this year has demonstrated that our community can get through anything, in partnership with one another. Here are some key highlights from 2020.

### COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

- 97.5% of Santa Monicans have not contracted COVID-19 due to the community's commitment to implementing strict health and safety
  protocols like wearing a face covering, physical distancing, staying home when sick, and regular hand washing.
- The Emergency Operations Center swiftly closed dozens of City facilities and public services to keep the community safe under LA County guidelines, and reopened when appropriate with significant signage, cleaning protocols and staff protections in place.
- 250,000 pairs of gloves and 77,826 masks distributed to City frontline essential workers to protect them in order to continue essential services to local residents and businesses.
- Emergency Operations Center coordination with local hospitals and essential businesses to ensure continuity of operations to provide for the community's most essential needs throughout the pandemic.
- 46,027 COVID-19 tests have been administered to Santa Monicans.
- 31 supplements to Santa Monica's emergency declaration have been issued, including a residential eviction moratorium through March 31, 2020 to keep residents housed.

### An Update on Improved Public Spaces

December 9, 2020 3:17 PM by Constance Farrell



While much of this year has been spent largely at home. City of Santa Monica teams have been hard at work building significant infrastructure and improving public spaces to enhance outdoor recreation. Below is a roundup of some of the projects we've been working on, two of which you may have already experienced on two wheels!

The North Beach Trail Improvement Project (feature photo above) is now open for pedestrians and cyclists to use and enjoy, improving safety and circulation by creating separate paths for both pedestrians and cyclists on Santa Monifoca's Beach Trail beach the northern city limits and Boy Street. Approximately 2 miles of the Beach Trail and I mile of the Ocean Front Walk pedestrian path have been significantly upgraded with expanded space, new paving, lighting, landscaping, markings, signage, and artwork murals made out of sandblasted concrete depicting local marine wildlife, For the latest project updates, visit www.santamonica.gov/northbeachtrail.



The Ocean Avenue Protected bike lane is complete along with Broadway from 16th to 20th Street as part of the City's goal of building a protected network of bike lanes to increase the number of people who use bicycles for everyday transportation. The new design uses parked cars to separate bike and auto traffic enhancing safety and comfort for riders of all ages and abilities. To learn more about Santa Monica's plans to build a protected network wist smgov.net/BAPA.

# Current In-Person City Services - CSD, CDD, SMPL

- Virginia Avenue Park Food Pantry serving 200 families weekly
- Large-scale food distribution events with SMC and LA County
- Four Farmers Markets operating to provide essential food, including EBT
- Out-of-school-time youth programming (CREST, CREST Fit Kids, PAL, Virginia Avenue Park)
- Outdoor, physically distanced recreation (Swim Center, Skate Park, Tennis)
- Library virtual programs, digital catalogue, and curbside service at the Downtown Library and Montana and Pico Branches

# **Current In-Person City Services – BBB**

- During the pandemic, BBB has served over 16,000 customers daily.
- During the pandemic, BBB's **MODE** program has provided 1,500 rides monthly to 400 unique customers.
- 64% of BBB's frequent riders (those who ride 4 or more days per week) are **essential workers**.
- Implemented four major service changes to match resources with demand.
- Installing operator compartment barriers on fleet to resume fare collection later this month.
- Implementing **contactless fare collection** in Spring to enhance customer and MCO safety.
- Face coverings are required on the Big Blue Bus. Health Ambassadors and SMPD support for targeted face covering enforcement at strategic locations throughout City since October.

# Current In-Person City Services – PW

- Staggered shifts helped limit staff exposure and enabled the continuity of citywide services such as refuse and recyclable pickup, water main repairs, sewer jetting, pothole repairs, and delivering high quality water.
- Over 16,000 customer requests for service were responded to with top requests being graffiti removal, and illegal dumping.
- Public Works emptied 489 trash cans at least once per day citywide across 38 daily routes.
- Public Landscape cared for 118,000 trees city-wide.
- Woodlawn Cemetery continues to care for decedents and grieving loved ones and has
  proactively secured a mobile refrigerated unit as a precautionary measure to ensure proper
  care, as the City has seen a spike in fatalities that we do not expect to immediately decrease.

# Fire Department and Police Department Services

### Santa Monica Fire Department

- **SMFD Ambulance Surge Plan** daily situational awareness with McCormick and strategic location of additional ambulance operations staged across City if needed
- Hospital EMS Surge Plan LEMSA #855 plan in place between SMFD, local hospitals, and LA County for SMFD assistance if local hospital emergency rooms become overwhelmed
- SMFD leadership role in LA Area Fire Chiefs Association Phase 1A Vaccination

### Santa Monica Police Department

- PD shift to a POD staffing model is now in effect such that the same people work together consistently to minimize cross-contact with a larger segment of the organization
- Through this staffing model which relies on HLP (Homeless Liaison Officers), NRO
  (Neighborhood Resource Officers), and CIT (Crime Impact Team) to support patrol, the
  patrol staffing levels have increased by as much as 20% each full week.

# **Public Health Compliance & Enforcement**

- Emergency order enforcement led by Code Enforcement with cooperation from sworn SMPD officers, Public Service Officers, and new Health Ambassadors added to expand face covering and business compliance
- Business Compliance: Since March 17, 2020, 156 COVID-19 business citations, 178 stop work orders, and over 51,000 business compliance checks by Code Enforcement Officers.
- Face Covering Compliance: Since July 3, 2020, 19,600 face covering checks. 1,984 interactions with customers who were not wearing face coverings and who either complied or were directed to leave a business, 71 citations for failure to comply or during enforcement details.
- Park Compliance: Since October 28, 2020, Public Service Officers have completed 185 park checks, educating 420 persons and providing enforcement to 15 sports groups that were not compliant with City permits/Health Officer Orders
- Pier Vendor Compliance: Vendor sweeps conducted in partnership with SMPD
- **DTSM Partnership:** Two DTSM Ambassadors on the Promenade seven days a week have distributed more than 11,000 masks since July, and signs post mask and distancing requirements at the end of each block. City has supported DTSM with face coverings for public distribution, including persons experiencing homelessness

# **Public Health Compliance & Enforcement**

### COVID-19 Health Ambassador Program

- Four Health Ambassadors in place since October 12, 2020 focusing on COVID-19 business checks, special targeted details
- Onboarding five additional Health Ambassadors to allow for greater
   outreach opportunities, with a particular focus on Pier area, Ocean Front Walk,
   and Beach

### Targeted Face Covering & Outdoor Space Compliance Details

- 15 in Business Improvement Districts
- 20 Park details
- 4 Pier/Ocean Front Walk details

### **Special Targeted COVID-19 Details**

- Business education after new Health Officer Orders are issued to prevent noncompliance challenges
- SM Airport Flea Market, SM Farmer's Markets, BBB Station @ 4th x Santa Monica.
- Halloween and New Year's Eve Special Enforcement Detail (gatherings)
- Responsive to community complaints of businesses not in compliance with Health Officer Order



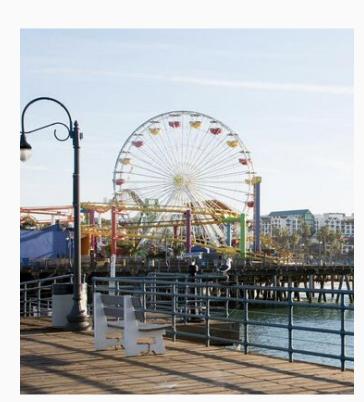
# **Santa Monica Pier**

The City strives to keep the Santa Monica Pier open for safe, physically distanced outdoor walks and carry-away takeout from local businesses.

Face coverings and physical distancing are required at all times.

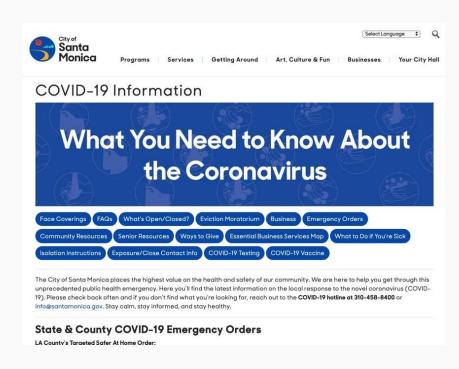
Closures imposed based on projected or actual attendance when physical distancing cannot be easily maintained:

- Thursday, December 31, 2020 Sunday, January 3, 2021
- Thursday, January 14, 2021 Monday, January 18, 2021
- Saturday, January 23, 2021 Sunday, January 24, 2021
- Saturday, January 30, 2021 Sunday, January 31, 2021



# **COVID-19 Communication & Outreach**

- The Joint Information Center and COVID-19
   Hotline have assisted more than 20,000 callers
   and 4,000 residents by email during the
   pandemic.
- Developed the santamonica.gov/coronavirus website to host Santa Monica specific information about COVID-19, with over 784,000 page views.
- Shared 3,212 social media posts
  with 78,000 followers. Reviewed and/or responded
  to 30,553 messages and comments received on
  Santa Monica's social media channels.
- Sent weekly community newsletters to over 25,000 community members and 10,000 local businesses.



# Ways to Stay Informed

- Call the COVID-19 Hotline at (310) 458-8400, Monday - Thursday and every other Friday or email us at <u>info@smgov.net</u>.
- Sign up to receive the City's weekly community newsletter at <u>santamonica.gov/newsletter</u>.
- Sign up to receive text message alerts on your mobile device at <u>santamonica.gov/alerts</u>.
- Keep an eye out for Seascape in your mailbox for Santa Monica news and updates.
- Follow us on social media: Twitter or (@SantaMonicaCity) Facebook and Instagram (@CityofSantaMonica)

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santamonica.gov/coronavirus

santamonica.gov/economicrecovery

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# **Mental Health Support**

This is an incredibly challenging time.

Please reach out for available support, resources, and referrals.

Call the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

24/7 Help Line at (800) 854-7771

or contact the Crisis Text Line by texting "LA" to 741741

LACDMH has helpful tools for coping with stress, anxiety, and isolation during the pandemic dmh.lacounty.gov/covid-19

For **children** and **families**, the following local agencies are accepting new referrals:

Providence Saint John's Child & Family Development Center – (310) 829-8921 Family Service of Santa Monica – (310) 451-9747



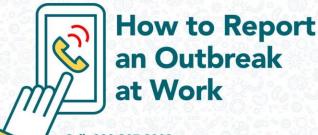
# Report a Public Health Concern

Santa Monica COVID-19 Hotline: (310) 458-8400 or info@smgov.net M-Th and every other Friday

LA County Public Health Customer Call Center:

(888) 700-9995 M-F or "Report a Complaint Section" at publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus

### LA COUNTY SLOWS THE SPREAD



- Call: 888-397-3993 to report 3+ confirmed cases of COVID-19 within 14 days
- Infected employees SHOULD NOT come back to work for at least 10 days or longer if they still have symptoms
- Close contacts SHOULD NOT come back to work for at least 14 days

Get more tips to keep your business & employees safe: publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus







# If You Have COVID-19 Symptoms/Are Exposed

- **1.** Stay home to prevent spreading COVID-19 to others.
- **2.** Call your healthcare provider about symptoms or scheduling a COVID-19 test.
  - Call 2-1-1 for assistance
  - https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/
- **3.** Stay at home and follow quarantine or isolation orders including staying away from others for at least 10 days.
- **4.** If you get a positive test, notify your close contacts that they have been exposed and need to quarantine.

Reserve testing for those that have a medical or public health need.
Testing should not be used as a tool to engage in risky behavior.



# "A Critical Month for Action"

- ✓ Stay home when sick, even with minor symptoms.
- ✓ Avoid all gathering with others.
- ✓ Wear a face covering each time you leave your home and are in public, indoors and outdoors.
- ✓ Keep 6 ft. physical distance from others.
- Wash and sanitize your hands frequently.
- ✓ Avoid touching your face.
- ✓ Vaccinate when it's your turn.















# Questions

